

BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 9, 2021

3:30 pm

MINUTES

Staff: Azevedo, Sanchez, Thoo, Tran, Woodworth
Guest: Vinz Koller, Social Policy Research Associates

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Chao called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:31 pm

Roll Call

Present: Chao, Koepp-Baker, McGrath, Smith, Takahashi

Arrived post Roll Call: Batra (3:34 pm), Flynn (3:39)

Absent: Gomez

II. OPENING REMARKS

Chair Chao remarked on the goals of the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes Approval

ACTION: Ms. Koepp-Baker moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the committee unanimously approved by show of hands the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Business Services Committee meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff Reports

Staff reported on various matters of interest to the committee, including layoff response activity since the committee's February meeting (Fairmont Hotel, TWU), the February 11 career fair, the Evolve Manufacturing-Ohlone College Earn-and-Learn pilot project, a new Facebook digital marketing training and work experience project, a grant application to the Workforce Accelerator Fund, and the required Regional Plan and Local Plan public comment period. In addition, Vinz Koller, Senior Strategist at Social Policy Research Associates, reported on the resumption of the Future of Work research/recommendations project.

B. Committee Workplan

Chair Chao led the committee in a discussion to establish areas of focus and priorities for the committee's workplan. Staff reminded the committee that they were provided supplemental reference material for this discussion. Members discussed the challenges they've continued to grapple with in finding skilled talent and some of the pipeline challenges they anticipate, e.g., LVNs and certain

technologists in healthcare, technicians in manufacturing, and also discussed more broadly how work2future might respond to the needs of the business community.

VI. OTHER

Participation opportunities for committee members in the Future of Work project.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chao adjourned the meeting at 4:33 pm.

Draft minutes prepared by L. Thoo